

Beach Vacation 4 Me

Happy New Year!!

Happy New Year! 2015 is off to a great start in SW Florida, with beautiful weather being the hallmark so far. In our **latest newsletter** you'll find out why now is the perfect time to reserve a vacation home on North Captiva or Boca Grande. Don't you owe it to yourself to get away from the everyday pressures of life and enjoy some warm weather?

North Captiva Island and Boca Grande are two locations where time has been forgotten. "Rush hour" is a time when you need to take a mad dash to the beach or roof top deck to see a breathtaking sunset. Perhaps only here does one so keenly appreciate the simple joys of island life.

As always, my goal is to provide you personalized vacation planning. I listen to your needs, match you with the perfect beach home and guide you through the travel maze. As a Licensed Florida Real Estate Broker, I have a thorough knowledge of each property. In addition, I have experienced the travel that you will be doing. You can think of me as your travel coach. I am customer focused, open to feedback and truly want your vacation experience to be wonderful.

The internet has been a great vehicle for owners and property managers to advertise their vacation rentals. It has also been a great vehicle for guests to research vacation properties. A little caution needs to be exercised with the BOOK IT NOW button. Please make sure there is someone at the other end that will be available when and if you have a problem on vacation. The websites are not people. Make sure there is someone at the other end that will take care of you.

You will find highlighted in the newsletter, properties with availability remaining in Feb and March. There is still time to reserve the perfect vacation home and experience the warmth of sunny SW Florida. I welcome your calls and e-mails.

As I say in closing....."Grab your Flip Flops and Don't Forget Your Sunscreen – Let's Go To The Beach!"

Sarah

Sandie's Grocery Service "A North Captiva Island Luxury"

Everyone writes to me about how awesome Sandie's Grocery Service is. I couldn't agree more. The steps are easy to do this. Fax an order to the number provided by Sandie. You arrive at your vacation home and your groceries are stocked waiting on you. Let your vacation begin. This is the right way to do it!!!



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Captiva Beach Sunset

5 BR/5 BA – Pool – Gulf Front – 2 Golf Carts

Full North Captiva Island Club Privileges

Available 2/14 and 2/28 week

This is truly an island gem. We have a fantastic team approach that includes dedicated homeowners, two private properties managers and myself. The house is immaculately maintained. We recently replaced the sleeper sofa in the fifth bedroom with a queen bed. The Captiva Beach Sunset is my top home for repeat guests. Once you stay here, you won't want to leave. Our most recent review from a guest a guest that stayed 15 nights last year and has rebooked for this year says it all.

North Captiva Island is everything we had hoped for and much more, as was this lovely home! Our family gathered here the first week to celebrate a milestone birthday, and friends came the second week. The home is absolutely beautiful from the architectural detail in ceilings and moldings, the superb layout designed for large gatherings in the great room with gorgeous kitchen, counter bar, dining area and living areas complimented by other areas for smaller groups and quiet time to the high quality furnishings and art-work throughout. All three levels offer something different and special! The pool area has 2 big round tables for playing games, chairs and seven lounge chairs, and even the deck and pool furniture are excellent quality. The golf cart explorations around the island were such fun, and the use of as many kayaks as we wanted let us explore surrounding waters and beaches. The path from the house to the beach opened up into an unbelievable private beach where we set up Baggo (supplied by Sarah!) and spent hours in the sun playing in the surf and sand. Nights were around the pool deck playing games, swimming in the heated pool, and talking into the wee hours. Tom was incredible as our go to person for just about anything, and the house was immaculate thanks to Beulah and Autumn. From the seamless trip from airport, to pick up groceries, to the ferry, and to the house where groceries and luggage were brought to us and carried up the stairs to the friendly waves from everyone we encountered and the almost constant sunshine, North Captiva and Captiva Beach Sunset were perfect. Even our shuttle driver from the airport entertained us with his charm and wit. And yes, the sunsets are glorious!



Availability at some Spectacular Homes



Banyan Bend – BOCA GRANDE – 6 BR/6BA – Sleeps up to 12

The Banyan Bend beach house is perfect for family gatherings. Located on a quiet street, close to the beach and a short walk to town, the Banyan Bend has it all. This spectacular home has both a large living room and family room. The kitchen is a chef's dream. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. There are so many intimate places to relax and enjoy. We welcome both long and short term rentals at the Banyan Bend. Some dates are still available in February and March. You will love the Banyan Bend!



**Available 2/28 to 3/7; 3/7 to 3/14...Great rates for a two week stay.
Also available 3/28 to 4/4**



Island Queen – 4 BR/3BA – Private Pool – Resort Privileges

If you are looking for the best in luxury, the Island Queen should be your next vacation rental. Located just steps from the beach, this home features four bedrooms; two with king beds and the other two with two twins (which can be made into kings). Relax pool-side in your private pool or take in the sunset on the roof top patio. The views are breathtaking. Many March dates are still available.

Owner just dropped the February rate.



Rum Point – 5 BR/3.5BA – 2 Golf Carts – Boat Slip – Landing privileges – Pool

The Rum Point is a spacious 5 bedroom home, literally surrounded by decks. It is an ideal spot for large family gatherings. The first floor features a semi private apartment with two bedrooms and a game room with pool table. Upstairs (separate entry) there are three more bedrooms and spectacular living room with screen porches to entertain. The pool area is very private. You won't want to leave the Rum Point!
Available week of 2/14 & week of 3/14



Rum Cove – North Captiva – 4BR/5BA – POOL – 2 Golf Carts – Slip at the house

The Rum Cove is an island favorite – especially those with private boats. With 130 feet of waterfront docking for your boat(s), this home is in high demand. This home has it all. Enjoy entertaining at the pool area which includes a large flat screen TV, bar area with shade and sun areas to enjoy. The Rum Cove is professionally decorated. Don't miss out on this island favorite. Most weeks are booked in March, but we just had a cancellation for March 22nd week. Summer fills up quickly!
Open weeks of 2/21, 3/7, & 3/14



Blue Laguna - North Captiva—3 BR / 3 Bath - Private Pool - sleeps 8

Don't miss the opportunity to stay in this spacious 3 bedroom local builder owned, privately managed, immaculately maintained home which includes North Captiva Island Club Privileges. Recent upgrades includes painting, pool area pavers plus pool bar, new decking and flat screens TVs. We weren't accepting rentals at the house for a short period during renovation, but is available now. Open 2/14 – 3/14. Five night minimum stay required.

2nd Annual Boca Grande Authentic Lobster Bake on the beach.

If you are staying on Boca Grande for Valentine's Day, make your reservation for the 2nd Annual Authentic Lobster Bake on the beach. Tickets are on sale now at the Boca Grande Area Chamber of Commerce office. Call 941-964-0568

Traditionally prepared in New England rock seaweed and cooked onsite this dinner will come complete with lobster, clams, potatoes, corn on the cob and more right down to dessert and coffee.

Come out for a day a fun, great food and fantastic company.

February 14th 2015

5:00pm-8:00pm

Rangelight Beach, Boca Grande

\$75 per person

Only a limited number of tickets are available.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BARNACLES NORTH CAPTIVA

I am excited to share news on upcoming events being held at Barnacles. Thank you to Jeanne Walsh from the Barnacle's Bazaar Island Gift Shop. Don't forget to drop in this the gift shop while you are on the island. They carry unique creations. You can also enjoy some Queenie's ice cream while you are there.

ART SHOWS featuring North Captiva Island Artists will be held the 3rd Sunday of the month at Barnacles 12-4pm:

January 18th--February 15th--March 15th

North Captiva is home to many talented artists whose work includes:

Original Watercolor Island Scenes, Photography, Original Oil Paintings & Giclee prints, Notecards, Wooden Fish Plaques, Painted Silk Scarves, Beaded Jewelry, Coconut Fish, Sea glass Jewelry & Embroidered Purses.

On January 18th there will be a demonstration of silk scarf painting by Marie Dyer.

BOOK READING & SIGNING Janet DiRuzzo, author of the award-winning series, The Lost Mermaid, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 15th 12-3pm to do a reading and a book signing. The Lost Mermaid and The Return to the Raspberry Kingdom are beautifully illustrated mythical tales about Lily the Mermaid that teach valuable social lessons.

STEVE CHADBOURNE at BARNACLES plays and sings every Saturday and Sunday from 12-3pm.

Check out these great homes with limited availability!

All of the homes listed below are located on our website: www.beachvacation4me.com

Crew's Nest—sleeps 10—Private pool open 2/23 to 2/2 & 3/2 to 3/7

Beach Therapy—Sleeps 8—Pool & Hot Tub Open 3/6 to 3/14 (5 night minimum stay)

Blue Macaw—Sleeps 6—Private Pool & Close to the beach Open 2/20—2/28

Conch House—Sleeps 6—Private Pool & close the beach Open 2/20 to 2/28

Silver Seashell—Sleeps 6—Large 3 BR Private Pool & Hot Tub Open 3/15 to 3/21 (5 night minimum stay)

Serendipity—Sleeps 10—Private Pool; Two Golf Carts, Available 2/15 to 2/22 (5 night minimum stay)

Sea Glass—Sleeps 12—Private Pool, Steps from the beach, Available 2/1 to 2/22 (5 night minimum stay)

Key Lime Time—Sleeps 12—Private Pool, steps from the beach Available 3/2-3/14 (3 night minimum stay)

Additional Homes with Availability



Captivation— 4 bedroom—Sleeps 14

Spectacular home for large family gatherings! Sleeps 14
This house has it all including a private pool, pool bar with game area and two golf carts. The reviews have been fabulous.

Weeks available in February and March



Sunset Cottage – 2 BR/2BA – Private Pool – Hot Tub -Resort Privileges

The Sunset Cottage is the perfect island getaway for two couples or a small family. The master bedroom features a king bed and the second bedroom has two twins which can be converted to a king. Relax in the private pool or hot tub. You will have it all here at the Sunset Cottage.

Available Dates: March 7 to April 6



Boats and Fun On Island Fun!!

Boats & Fun is your on island resource for so many things. Along with boat rentals, they offer jet ski rentals & tours, paddle boards, boat tours, family photography, ice cream, a nice assortment of wine as well as many other “fun” things to do. Reservations are strongly encouraged. 800-991-3259 or info@boatsandfun.com